

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following groups of claims is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-4 and 10-13; or
- II. Claims 5-9 and 14-21;

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group II, i.e., claims 5-9 and 14-21. Claims 1-4 and 10-13 are hereby withdrawn and canceled without prejudice to being pursued in a future application.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (212) 425-7200 to discuss the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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